

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended. Claims 3-6 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,004,653 to Petteruti et al. (hereinafter "**Petteruti et al.**").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Petteruti et al. discloses a miniature printer provided with a printer mechanism in a housing. A thermal printhead 33 is fixedly mounted in the mechanism. The mechanism and the housing define a compartment for a roll of paper which is loosely disposed in the housing and is extended over the thermal printhead. The compartment is closed by a cover hinged to the housing at one end thereof. A platen roller 28 is located in the cover in an opening larger than the shaft of the roller, which opening and cover provides a floating mount for the platen roller.

Fig. 5 appears to show printhead 33 which is arranged at an angle which is not perpendicular to the bottom surface of terminal equipment. This is in contrast to the present invention as recited in claim 1, which recites that a straight line connecting a shaft of the plates to the shaft of the hinge is generally parallel to bottom surface of the terminal equipment and the printer head is generally perpendicular to the straight line detailed above.

Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended by deleting the word "generally" from lines 11 and 13 of claim 1.

Thus, the 35 USC §102(b) rejection of claims 1-2, are amended, should be withdrawn.

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In view of the aforementioned and accompanying remarks, claims 1-2, are canceled, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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